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THREE CENTS

Large Local Group Will Seek Clothing

There is to be a National Clothing collection throughout the nation for relief purposes in the war-torn countries during the month of April, but in Northfield, where full co-operation is to be given, the drive will be undertaken for a single week. The plan inaugurated at Washington with the naming of Henry J. Kaiser as chairman for the campaign will be administered by the NRRA, the United Nations Relief agency of which Herbert Lehmann, former governor of New York, is now its administrator. In Northfield the undertaking was prompted by the Fortnightly and then the appointment of a town committee of which Mrs. William E. Park was named chairman.

Representatives of churches, district and local organizations have been named to the committee which now has the campaign well in hand and under way.

Types of clothing very much needed are undergarments for infants, boys, girls, women and men. Bedding materials, sheets, pillow cases, blankets as well as sewing materials, remnants, etc., not less than a yard square, all can be used. Fancy shoes, high heeled, women's hats and men's derbys are not wanted. All goods contributed will be sorted, packed in cartons, and shipped from American ports for free distribution to the needy in devastated countries. Our citizens are urged to respond to the appeal, and send in their bundles to the home of the chairman, Mrs. Park, or to any other member of the committee. Let's have a generous response as soon as possible.

Members of the committee include. Mrs. Park, chairman, Mrs. George Sheldon, Miss Elizabeth Braley, Miss Mary Dalton, Mrs. Carroll Miller, Mrs. Arthur H. Farnum, Mrs. Fred

Again Exceeds Quota Red Cross Campaign

Again the Red Cross War Fund has exceeded the quota given to Northfield in the campaign just ended. The quota was \$2500 and the total amount reported at the final county "round-up" in Greenfield Saturday, the 24th, was \$3,113.43. Chairman George W. Carr and his well organized committee did a fine job here. The county total, also exceeding its quota of \$85,000, now amounts to \$85,015.59 and Chairman Fred C. Dole expressed his "appreciation to all workers for their patriotic service, fine team work and earnest endeavor." Chairman Carr also desires to express his appreciation to the members of the local committee. At the big gathering to wind up the campaign in Greenfield, members of the Red Cross Canteen Unit of Northfield were called upon to serve the victory luncheon and the following members responded: Mrs. Frank Montague, Mrs. Allen H. Wright, Mrs. George Pefferle, Mrs. Sinclair Sutherland, Miss Marian Holton, Mrs. Edgar Livingston, Mrs. Winfred Whitaker, Mrs. Lee Bolton, Mrs. George Carr, Mrs. Carroll Miller, Mrs. William D. Miller, Mrs. William Shattuck, Mrs. A. Gordon Moody, Mrs. Paul Maybury and Mrs. Albert Anderson.

Dr. Frank L. Boyden, chairman of the Franklin County chapter of the Red Cross, praised "the intensive effort which has placed the county at 'the side of the men overseas.'"

Bolton, Mrs. John V. McNeil, Miss Esther Ladzinski, Mrs. Frank Montague, Mrs. Charles Lawrence, Miss MacDonald, Mrs. Ernest Parker, Mrs. Malcolm Billings, Mrs. Bernard Whitney, Mrs. George Thompson, Miss Lois Pitkin, Mrs. Mitchell Kosciuski, Mrs. Fred Doolittle, Mrs. Grady Hoyle, Rev. Edward Fairbank, E. J. Livingston and William F. Hoehn.

Wounded In Italy

Information has been received that Pfc. Samuel Janes of this town was recently wounded while fighting in Italy with the 85th mountain infantry and is rapidly recovering in an army hospital. He suffered a wound in the left leg. Pfc. Janes is a graduate of Northfield High School and was a member of Co. L, National Guard in Greenfield, when he was inducted into the service. He had his training at Camp Gordon, Ga., and at Camp Pickett, Va., and went overseas last December. He completed a course of engineering at the Rhode Island State College. He is married and his wife resides in Greenfield.

Historical Address Heard By Members

There was a splendid attendance of members at the dinner and meeting of the Historical Society at Bronson Inn Saturday evening, March 24, with Judge Francis Nims Thompson, president of the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association at Deerfield and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Alexander of Newtonville as the guests of honor. Miss Elsie Scott, president of the society, presided and after the dinner introduced the speaker, Mr. Alexander, who has delved into many historical facts concerning this community and particularly the Alexander family. He has developed a wealth of material supplementing the facts contained in the Temple and Sheldon history and from much original manuscript read most interesting statements into his address. He revived the memory of local history in the 1700 and 1800 centered about four generations of Alexanders; Ebenezer, Thomas, Medad and Henry, whose ancestral home was on Main Street in East Northfield, opposite the "house of Colton." These men were typical citizens and prominent in family, civic and military affairs. A copy of the address has been placed in keeping of the local Historical Society. The gathering proved a marked event in the annals of the Historical Society.

Will Need More Books

Contributions of books for the Massachusetts Victory Book Campaign is urgently needed and they may be left at the Dickinson Library for use by the soldiers and sailors of our armed forces at the various ports and camps. Books given here will be sent to the Greenfield Library for forwarding to Boston. Books of fiction and non-fiction, detective stories, books by war correspondents and other interesting tales are much desired. All books should be in good condition and those of an obsolete character are not wanted. There has been a change in the membership of the local Victory Book campaign committee and the new committee will shortly be announced.

The High Glee Club To Present Operetta

The High School Glee Club, directed by Mrs. L. Percy Goodspeed, school music supervisor, will present in Town Hall Friday evening, April 13, at 8 o'clock, the operetta, "Sunbonnet Girl." The production will be staged by the students who will take the various parts and the proceeds will be for the benefit of the school's music department. The operetta is a record of mirth, melody and humor and depicts the joyful moods of young people in an ordinary village such as ours.

Those who will take the parts include, Portia Chamberlin, Lorraine Gingras, Norma Leach, Marguerite Barnes, Eugene Hutchinson, Barbara Bolton, Edward Fortier, Kenneth Walker, Isabell Stone, Neil Churchill, Helen Howard, Russell Roberts, Jr., Sophie Duda, Robert Hubbard and June Cota. Groups of students will participate in the several choruses.

Special scenery will be arranged and the cast will appear in costume. The show will provide an evening of good entertainment and tickets are selling well in advance.

Margaret E. Johnson

Mrs. Margaret Ella (Spaulding) Johnson, 65, of South Vernon, widow of J. E. Johnson, who died in September, 1943, passed away at her home on Thursday morning, March 22, and funeral services conducted by Rev. E. W. Blackstone were on Saturday afternoon with burial in Tyler Cemetery. She was born August 29, 1879, at Dummerston, Vt., the daughter of Thomas H. and Ella P. (Mason) Spaulding. She attended schools and became a teacher in her home town and at Halifax. She married Mr. Johnson about 40 years ago. Surviving are a son and a daughter and a sister. She was a woman of fine Christian character and enjoyed much the study of nature, especially the birds and flowers and her excellent garden. Many friends will mourn her passing.

Heard Fine Bird Talk Fortnightly Facts

The Fortnightly held one of its most interesting and educational meeting on Friday, March 16, at Alexander Hall when the members were privileged to hear Edwin Mason, director of wild life and representative of the Audubon Society in a presentation of "Bird Study." Mrs. George H. Sheldon, the president, presided and among the items of business, was voted a contribution to the Red Cross, co-operation in the Clothing Relief drive here by the naming of families where needed. Members lingered after the meeting for a social period and tea was served by the hostesses, Mrs. Charles L. Johnson, Mrs. Horace H. Morse and Mrs. Charles D. Streeter. Table decorations were appropriate to St. Patrick's Day. It was announced that at the annual meeting, which will be held at the Northfield Hotel Saturday, April 7, at 1 o'clock with a dinner, the guests will include Mrs. Edwin Troland, state president of the Federation, and Mrs. Albert Bergeron, state director for this district.

Webber-Hale Wedding

In Washington, D. C., at the Mt. Pleasant Congregational Church, with the Rev. G. Wesley Pierson officiating in a double ring service, took place the wedding of Miss Esther Irene Hale, daughter of Mrs. Clara E. Hale and Corp. Clarence K. Webber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Webber, all of Northfield, on Saturday, March 10. The couple was attended by Mrs. H. W. Nichols, Jr., and Corp. Morris J. Larson, USMC, both of Washington. The bride wore a powder blue dress trimmed with gold sequins and for traveling a melon suit and tan topcoat with white accessories. Following the ceremonies a dinner was enjoyed at the Ebbitt Hotel. Both Mr. and Mrs. Webber are graduates of the local high school, and she took a course at the Academie of Beaute in Greenfield. Corp. Webber enlisted in the Marine Corps in March, 1942, and he has seen 20 months of service in the campaigns of the South Pacific. He is now stationed at Cherry Point, N. C., where they will reside.

PARAMOUNT BRATTLEBORO

Sun.-Thurs., April 1-5
BRING ON THE GIRLS

Sonny Tufts, Eddie Bracken,

Fri.-Sat., April 6-7

CRIME DOCTOR'S COURAGE

Warner Baxter, Hillary Brooke

also

NEVADA

Bob Mitchum, Anne Jeffrys

NATIONAL VELVET
A CLARENCE BROWN Production
Based on the Novel "NATIONAL VELVET" by ENID BAGNOLD
Starring **MICKEY ROONEY**
Donald CRISP • Elizabeth TAYLOR
ANNE REVERE • ANGELA LANSBURY
JACKIE JENKINS • ARTHUR TREACHER
Photographed in Technicolor
Directed by CLARENCE BROWN • Produced by PANDRO S. BERMAN
Screen Play by Theodore Reaves and Helen Deutsch
A METRO-GOLDWYN-MAYER PICTURE

LATCHIS MEMORIAL BRATTLEBORO AUDITORIUM
2:15 6:30 8:30

Fri.-Sat. March 30-31
NOTHING BUT TROUBLE
Laurel & Hardy Mary Boland

Sun.-Thurs. April 1-5
NATIONAL VELVET

Fri.-Sat. April 6-7
ATLANTIC CITY
Constance Moore Brad Taylor
Jerry Colonna

Fri.-Sat. March 30-31
O My Darling Clemente
Isabel Randolph, Frank Albertson

Sun.-Mon. April 1-2
Irish Eyes Are Smiling
Dick Haymes June Haver

Wed.-Thurs. April 4-5
BARBARY COAST
Miriam Hopkins Joel McCrea

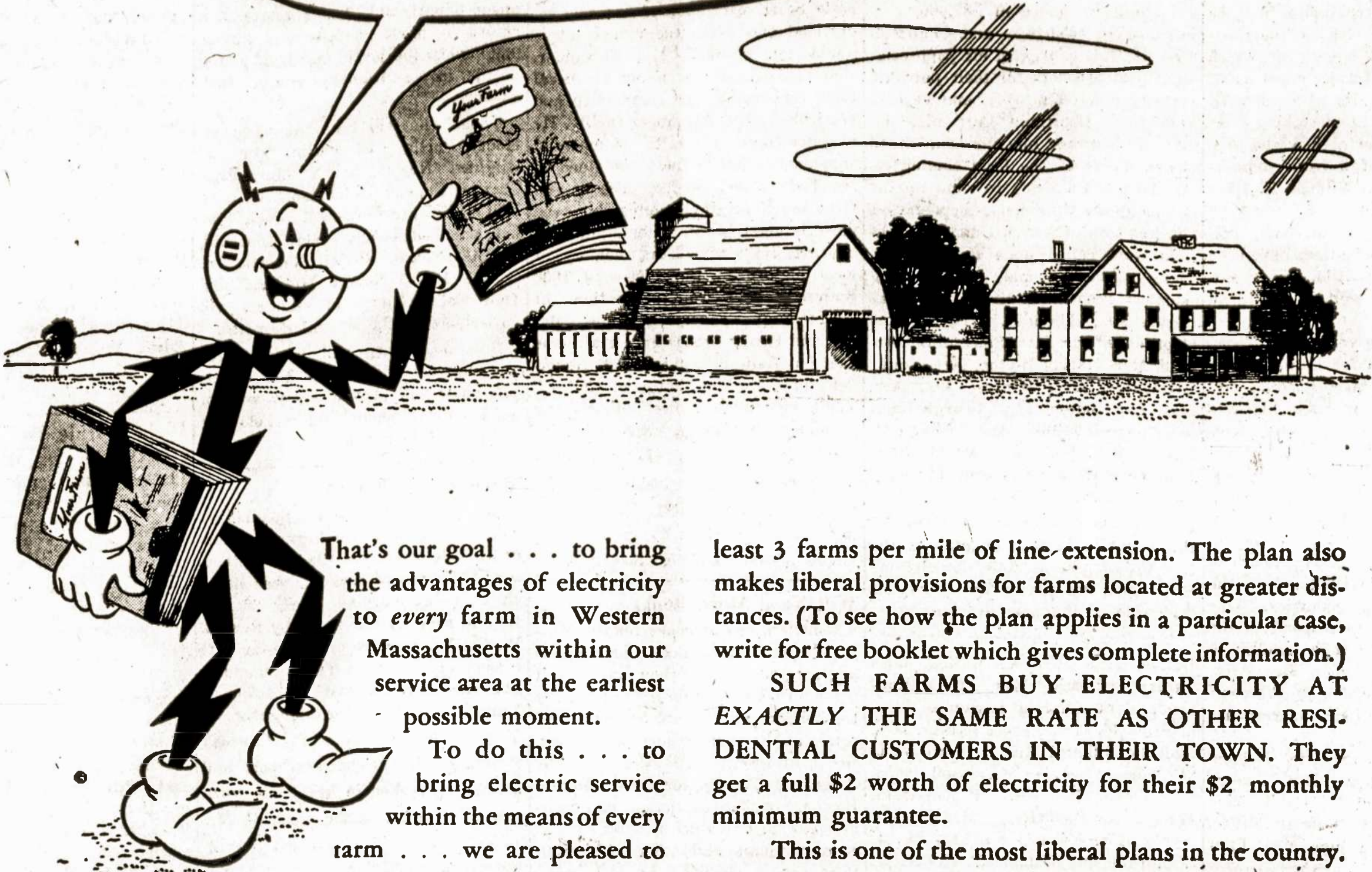
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TOWN _____

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AMHERST	HANCOCK	PLAINFIELD
ASHFIELD	HATFIELD	RICHMOND
BANCROFT	HINSDALE	SANDSFIELD
BECKET	LANESBORO	SAVOY
BERNARDSTON	LEE	SHELBURNE
BUCKLAND	LENOXDALE	SOUTHAMPTON
CHESTERFIELD	LEVERETT	SOUTHWICK
COLRAIN	LEYDEN	SPRINGFIELD
CONWAY	LONGMEADOW	SUNDERLAND
CUMMINGTON	LUDLOW	TOLLAND
DALTON	MIDDLEFIELD	TYRINGHAM
DEERFIELD	MONTAGUE	WASHINGTON
EASTHAMPTON	NEW ASHFORD	WESTHAMPTON
ERVING	NORTHFIELD	WEST SPRINGFIELD
GRANVILLE	OTIS	WHATELY
GREENFIELD	PELHAM	WINDSOR
GILL	PERU	WORTHINGTON

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